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SUBJECT: NORTHERN SUMATRA REGIONAL PLANNING DESIGN

REF: JAKARTA 10277

1. AID/W APPROVES OBLIGATION NTE DOLS 25,000 FROM PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR PREPARATION OF A REGIONAL PLANNING DESIGN FOR NORTHERN SUMATRA BASED ON PADCO PROPOSAL DATED AUGUST 1974.

2. REQUEST ONE MODIFICATION OF SCOPE-OF-WORK. WE BELIEVE THAT PLANNING APPROACH SHOULD INCLUDE INTERMEDIATE STAGES IN ADDITION TO IMMEDIATE ACTION PROGRAM AND LONG-RANGE PLAN. IF CONTRACT FORM PROPOSED BY PADCO IS UTILIZED, SUGGEST INSERT NEW ITEM 2 UNDER SECTION B AND RENUMBER SUBSEQUENT ITEMS. NEW ITEM MIGHT READ QUOTE INTERMEDIATE OR SHORT-TERM DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING ACTIONS
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END QUOTE. PADCO/WASHINGTON INDICATES FULL SUPPORT OF

THIS MODIFICATION.

3. AID/W HAS TWO GENERAL CONCERNS ABOUT THIS REGIONAL PLANNING ACTIVITY:

A. IMPACT OF REGIONAL PLANNING EFFORTS WILL GREATLY DEPEND ON DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES WHICH HAVE BEEN ASSUMED FOR REGION. PADCO PROPOSAL AND MISSION REQUEST FOR FUNDS DO NOT INDICATE WHAT OBJECTIVES NOW EXIST FOR

NORTHERN SUMATRA. AID'S PRIORITIES CLEARLY EMPHASIZE EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME DISTRIBUTION OBJECTIVES OVER GNP GROWTH AND PER CAPITA INCOME OBJECTIVES. OUR INTEREST IN THIS ACTIVITY AND FOLLOW-ON PROJECTS WILL DEPEND ON EXTENT TO WHICH NEEDS OF SMALL FARMERS AND OTHER AGENCY THEMES ARE ADDRESSED.

B. PADCO PROPOSAL AND MISSION REQUEST FOR FUNDS SIMILARLY UNCLEAR ON IMPACT THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY WILL HAVE ON INDONESIA'S PLANNING CAPABILITIES. REQUEST MISSION EMPHASIZE TO CONTRACTOR IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING PLAN THAT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES WHICH ARE GENERALLY POORLY ORGANIZED AND RELATIVELY INEFFECTIVE. WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR TERMS OF REFERENCE THAT EMPHASIZE STRENGTHENING OF LOCAL INSTITUTIONS TO PLAN THE REGION'S DEVELOPMENT AND THEN IMPLEMENT THE PLANS.

4. AID/W APPROVAL THIS OBLIGATION DOES NOT COMMIT AGENCY TO FUND ANY FOLLOW-ON WORK.

5. MISSION'S PROPOSED CHANGES PER REFTTEL HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH PADCO: A. VANHUYCK INDICATES COMPLETE DRAFT CAN BE PRESENTED TO USAID AND GOI BEFORE CONSULTANT GROUP DISBANDS, BUT CONSULTANTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED SOME TIME TO MULL OVER DRAFT AND MAKE MODIFICATIONS. FINAL DRAFT MIGHT BE MAILED TO JAKARTA FROM WASHINGTON IN NOVEMBER. THEN IN DECEMBER PADCO REP WOULD REVIEW FINAL DRAFT WITH USAID/GOI IN JAKARTA BEFORE SUBMITTING FINAL VERSION OF REPORT. B. NO PROBLEM WITH USING SUGIJANTO FOR 31 DAYS OR WITH DROPPING AGRICULTURE PLANNER AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNER. PREFERRED ECONOMIC UNCLASSIFIED

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PLANNER IS CHARLES LEVEN, BUT LEVEN NOT AVAILABLE FOR MORE THAN TWO WEEKS IN SEPTEMBER. BEST ECONOMIC PLANNER AVAILABLE FOR 31 DAYS IS PRAFUL SHAH. LEVEN, 46 YEARS, IS PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS, CHAIRMAN OF FACULTY OF URBAN AND REGIONAL SCIENCE AND DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE OF URBAN AND REGIONAL STUDIES AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, ST. LOUIS. LEVEN HAS WORKED WITH PADCO IN BRAZIL AND PAKISTAN AND IS SEASONED CONSULTANT WITH EXTENSIVE

QUALIFICATIONS. SHAH, 35 YEARS, IS VICE PRESIDENT OF HAMMER, SILER, GEORGE ASSOCIATES IN WASHINGTON, D.C., A CONSULTING ASSOCIATE FIRM WHICH HAS PROVIDED EXPERTISE IN URBAN AND REGIONAL ECONOMICS TO PADCO FOR SEVERAL YEARS. SHAH HAS SOLID EXPERIENCE IN VARIETY OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING PROJECTS IN U.S. MISSION MUST NEGOTIATE BEST STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS. C. NO PROBLEM FORESEEN WITH GOI FINANCING SOME COSTS OF DESIGN EFFORT.

6. RE DELEGATION REQUESTED PARA 6 REFTTEL, MISSION AUTHORITY ALREADY PROVIDED IN DELEGATION NO. 99.1.21 DATED 11/14/73.

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